

In the claims:

1-20 (Cancelled)

21. (Original) A method of verifying a document comprising:

determining jurisdictional information related to the document, wherein the jurisdictional information is used to obtain a watermark key which is related to a digital watermark embedded in the document; and

using the key to extract the digital watermark embedded in the document.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the document comprises a machine-readable feature, which carries the jurisdictional information, and wherein said determining step comprises reading the machine-readable feature.

23. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the jurisdictional information comprises an index, which is used to interrogate a database to obtain the watermarking key.

24. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the jurisdictional information is combined with predetermined data to form the watermarking key.

25. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the jurisdictional information comprises the watermarking key.

26. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein the jurisdictional information comprises the watermarking key.

27. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the jurisdictional information is mathematically related to the digital watermark through a cryptographic relationship.

28. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the jurisdictional information is mathematically related to the digital watermark through a watermarking key.

29. (New) The method of claim 21 wherein the watermark is embedded in an optically variable device on the document.

30. (New) The method of claim 29 wherein the optically variable device comprises a hologram.

31. (New) The method of claim 29 wherein the watermark is related to other machine readable data on the document through a public-private key pair.